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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

Public Notice/Application No.:	200600615-SAM
Comment Period:	Comments should be submitted no later than January 4, 2007
Project Manager:	Susan A. Meyer (808) 438-2137

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) Regulatory Branch, in coordination with the County of San Bernardino and in cooperation with U.S. Forest Service (USFS), has completed a joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Third Main Track Summit to Keenbrook Project. The proposed BNSF project requires authorization pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act for approximately 2.95 acres of fill placement in jurisdictional waters of the United States, including wetlands, to construct 15.9 miles of a new main track through the Cajon Pass in San Bernardino County, California.

The Corps is the lead federal agency under NEPA and the County of San Bernardino is the state lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In addition, due to special use permitting requirements necessitated by the encroachment of the proposed project into national forest lands, the USFS has elected to be a cooperating agency in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQA) regulations in order to fulfill its independent NEPA responsibilities. As a cooperating agency, the USFS intends to adopt the Corps' Final EIS/EIR and issue a separate Record of Decision in accordance with CEQ procedures (40 CFR 1508).

Comments on the Draft EIS/EIR will be accepted through the review period, beginning November 9, 2006 through 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2007. This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Those who provide comments on the proposal by the close of the comment period will be eligible to appeal the USFS permitting decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations. Questions or comments concerning the Draft EIS/EIR should be directed to:

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We encourage your input and participation in this environmental process. A public hearing will be held at the Norman F. Feldheim Central Library – Bing Wong Auditorium, located at 555 West 6th Street, San Bernardino, California 92401 on December 5, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to obtain verbal and/or written comments on the project and the Draft EIS/EIR.

Bound copies of the Draft EIS/EIR will be made available to the public for review at the following libraries: Norman F. Feldheim Central Library (San Bernardino, California), Hesperia Branch Library (Hesperia, California), and the Rancho Cucamonga Public Library (Rancho Cucamonga, California). Further, the document is available for viewing at the following site: <http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/landuseservices/Public%20Notices/EIRs/EIRs.htm>. Written comments received on or before 5:00 p.m. January 4, 2007 will be considered by the Corps in decision making for the Final EIS/EIR. Comments should be submitted to the contacts listed above.

During the public meeting, anyone wishing to make a statement will be allocated a certain amount of time to provide information on the proposed project. The amount of time each person is allowed will be directly dependent on the number of people who sign up to speak at the public hearing. We would like to encourage interest groups to designate an official spokesperson to present the group's views. We plan to allocate a larger amount of time to official representatives of such groups. **Groups wishing to designate an official representative must notify the Corps in writing prior to, but not later than Monday, November 27, 2006. The determination of this extended speaking time will be based on the number of responses received by the Corps. This rule will be strictly enforced at the discretion of the Corps' hearing officer.**

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Cajon Third Main Track Summit to Keenbrook, San Bernardino County, California

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

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